

House Resolution 116

By: Representative Lakly of the 72nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Kenneth Babcock; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Kenneth Babcock, a celebrated pilot and distinguished citizen of
3 Fayetteville, Georgia, has authored his first book, A Pilot's Life - Hump Pilot & Crop
4 Duster, and conducted his first book signing at Fayette County Library on April 8, 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on November 1, 1918, and grew up in the West Texas ranch town
6 of Sonora; and

7 WHEREAS, after studying geology at the University of Texas, he moved to McCamey,
8 Texas, with the possibility of entering the oil industry, but his destiny changed when the
9 opportunity to become a pilot presented itself; and

10 WHEREAS, he owned and operated a crop dusting service for 30 years and has flown as a
11 professional pilot for 50 years, logging a total of 26,000 flying hours and circling the Earth
12 twice; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Babcock's book includes his account of flying over the Himalayas during
14 World War II, carrying supplies and war materials as part of a semi-secret operation to
15 China; and

16 WHEREAS, he enjoys travel and spending time with family and with his wife, Blanche, to
17 whom he was married on January 15, 2000; and

18 WHEREAS, each Wednesday, Kenneth volunteers by playing piano as Blanche sings for the
19 Christian City Alzheimer unit; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Kenneth Babcock has lived a full and adventurous life, has brought honor
21 to his country, and is an inspiration to his fellow citizens.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join together to commend Kenneth Babcock for his outstanding
3 career as a pilot and flight instructor and extend to him their deepest and most sincere best
4 wishes for his continuing health and well-being.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Kenneth Babcock.